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## Permission for Right of Way

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the
undersigned for a good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do
hereby grant unto the DECATUR TELEPHONE COMPANY INCORPORATED, a corporation of Mississippi,
having its principal office in Decatur, Mississippi, and to its successors and assigns, the right to enter
upon all of the lands of the undersigned situated, lying and being in the County of Newton and the State
of Mississippi.
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A tract of land approximately acres in area, located miles in a direction from
the Town of and further described as being in Section
2,3,10,11,13,14 & 15, Township 7N , Range 10E and to
construct, reconstruct, operate and maintain on the above described lands and/or upon all streets,
roads or highways abutting said lands, a telephone line or system. (Approximately 5-15 feet off of
Highway Right of Way, depending on the location of existing water lines.) The landowner/landowner
employee assumes no responsibility for damages done to said cable.
The undersigned agree that all wire and other facilities including all telephone equipment, installed on
the above premises at the Corporation's expense shall remain the property of the Corporation,
removable at the option of the Corporation. The Corporation also releases the land owner or any
employees of the land owner from any responsibility of damage incurred to said equipment.
The undersigned covenants that they are the owners of the above described lands and that the said lands are free and clear of encumbrances and liens of whatsoever character except those held by the following persons:
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have set their hands and seals on this the <u>28</u> day of
Signature of Tribal Representative
Witness Film K
Signed, sealed and delivered
In the presence of:
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## **Decatur Telephone Company**

Study Area Code: 280451

## Rates, Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Service

(Response to Form 481, Line 1210)

Local exchange service rates and charges as specified below are for basic local exchange service. The rates for other ancillary services not specifically shown below are presented in Decatur Telephone Company's tariff(s) on file with the Mississippi Public Service Commission. Unless otherwise specified, the rates and charges quoted below are for a period of one month, payable in advance and provide unlimited flat rate calling within the local exchange calling scope.

Residential Local Exchange Access Line Rates: 12

Exchange Name	R-1 Rate
Decatur	\$14.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Above listed fees do not include mandatory taxes, fees and surcharges.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Qualified Lifeline customers are eligible for Lifeline credits or discounts as outlined in the attached Lifeline tariff.

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### B. Regulations (Continued)

- 3. All applications for this service are subject to verifications with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program. The Company may request any additional documentation deemed necessary prior to providing Lifeline / Tribal Link-Up benefits such as an administrating (T) agency's official designation of eligibility in a particular means-based program sub-paragraph B.1., above, and that the telephone subscriber is the financially responsible party for the qualifying member of his or her household, or that the eligible household member is the telephone subscriber's dependent pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.
- 4. The Company will reconcile and confirm eligibility periodically pursuant to **(T)** FCC Order 12-11. At least annually an FCC-compliant random survey of a (T) statistically valid number of the Lifeline subscribers which request that each surveyed subscriber verify under penalty of perjury that they, or a member of their household continue to participate in one of the means-based programs approved herein for eligibility by the MPSC and/or survey at least annually the entire Lifeline subscriber base requesting that each surveyed subscriber verify under penalty of perjury that they, or a member of their household continue to participate in one of the means-based programs established by the MPSC as eligible for lifeline funding. Lifeline subscribers who are subsequently determined to be ineligible shall be notified of their ineligibility in writing by the Company and provided 60 days from the date of such notice to rectify or otherwise demonstrate their eligibility prior to the discontinuance of their Lifeline benefits. All unresolved disputes regarding Lifeline or Tribal Link-Up (T) eligibility shall be brought to the attention of the MPSC for resolution.

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6. A subscriber may elect at the time of subscription to Lifeline Assistance to receive toll blocking as part of Lifeline Assistance at no charge. "Toll Blocking" is a service that allows a subscriber to elect not to allow the completion of outgoing toll calls from the subscriber's residence. Local service deposit requirements will be waived for customers who voluntarily receive Toll Limitation Service.

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#### LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

### General

The Company, as part of its obligations as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, offers two (2) low-income assistance programs. These programs, Lifeline Assistance and Tribal Link-Up, are offered under the terms and conditions provided below:

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#### Lifeline Assistance

#### A. General

Lifeline Assistance is a retail service offering available to qualifying low-income subscribers, as provided for below. Lifeline Assistance enables eligible subscribers to pay reduced charges for the following package of services: voice-grade access to the public switched network; local usage; dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; access to emergency services; access to operator services; access to interexchange service; access to directory assistance; and toll blocking. An eligible customer receives credit for the Low-Income Assistance Program pursuant to FCC Order 12-11 and pursuant to MPSC Docket 2007-AD-487.

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### B. Regulations

- Unless other eligibility requirements are established by the Commission, Lifeline
  Assistance is available to all residential subscribers who participate in one of the
  following programs:
  - a) Medicaid,
  - b) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps,

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- c) Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
- d) Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA),
- e) Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP),
- f) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF),
- g) National Free Lunch Program's Free Lunch Initiative (NFLP).

#### Income-Based Criteria:

Household gross monthly income that does not exceed 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

2. Each subscriber to Lifeline Assistance must certify in writing to the Company, under penalty of perjury, that he/she receives benefits under a program outlined in sub-paragraph B.1., above, and must, on the same document, agree to notify the Company if he/she ceases to participate in the program(s). The certification form shall conform to the requirements described herein, and shall be made available upon request to any subscriber. The Company shall retain all such subscriber certifications pursuant to FCC Order 12-11 in order to furnish proof of subscriber eligibility as may be required from time to time by Universal Service administrators.

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### Lifeline Assistance (Continued)

### B. Regulations (Continued)

- 7. Lifeline Assistance will not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges, however, in the event toll charges are not paid within 10 days of the mailing of the Company bill, the Company will implement Toll Blocking immediately thereafter. In addition, the Company will not deny re-establishment of local service to customers who are eligible for Lifeline Assistance and have previously been disconnected for non-payment of toll charges. Lifeline Assistance will not be connected if an outstanding balance is owed by the customer for local service.
- 8. The Company may not collect a service deposit in order to initiate lifeline Assistance if the qualifying low-income subscriber voluntarily elects toll blocking from the Company, where available. If toll blocking is unavailable, then the Company may charge a service deposit.
- Tribal customers eligible under Lifeline are also eligible for connection assistance under the Tribal Link-Up program.
- 10. Only one Lifeline service is available per residential household pursuant to FCC Order 12-11. A household is any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit. A household may include related and unrelated persons. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. An adult is any person eighteen years or older. If an adult has no or minimal income, and lives with someone who provides financial support to him/her, both people shall be considered part of the same household. Children under the age of eighteen living with their parents or guardians are considered to part of the same household as their parents or guardians. A household is not permitted to receive Lifeline from multiple providers.
- A Lifeline customer may subscribe to any local service offering available to other residential customers.
- The PIC charge will not be billed to Lifeline customers who subscribe to toll blocking and do not presubscribe to a long distance carrier.

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## LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (Continued)

### Lifeline Assistance (Continued)

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C.	Credits

The following credit\* will apply for each customer eligible for Lifeline 1. (T) Assistance:

### Monthly Credit\*

Lifeline Credit® \$ 9.25 (I)

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The Company shall apply the baseline payments received by the administrator of the Federal Lifeline Assistance program to the qualifying customer's basic local exchange service rate, pursuant to FCC Order 12-11 and MPSC Docket 2007-AD-487.

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Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers shall first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges.

4. The Company adopts FCC Order 12-11 for Tribal Land Lifeline Discounts and will apply tribal land discounts pursuant to FCC Order 12-11.

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\*Credit amount will not exceed the total of the basic Residential Local Exchange and Subscriber Line Charge rate.

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1 Rates are in compliance with FCC Order 12-11 and are effective on dates determined by the FCC under Order 12-11.

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# Tribal Link-Up (T)

#### A. General

The term "Tribal Link-Up" means an assistance program for eligible residents of Tribal lands seeking telecommunications service from a telecommunications carrier that is receiving high-cost support on Tribal lands, pursuant to subpart D of FCC Order 54.413 and pursuant to FCC Order 12-11. Tribal Link-Up provides a reduction in the Company's customary charge for commencing telecommunications service for a single telecommunications connection at a subscriber's principal place of residence. Tribal Link-Up is provided to eligible subscribers in addition to Lifeline Assistance. Charges assessed for commencing service include any charges that the Company customarily assesses to connect subscribers to the network. These charges do not include any permissible security deposit requirements.

### B. Regulations

- Unless other eligibility requirements are established by the Commission, Tribal Link-Up
  is available only to residential subscribers located on Tribal land pursuant to FCC Order
  12-11, who participate in one of the following programs:
  - a) Medicaid,
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps,
  - c) Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
  - d) Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA),
  - e) Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP),
  - f) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF),
  - g) National Free Lunch Program's Free Lunch Initiative (NFLP).

### Income-Based Criteria:

Household gross monthly income that does not exceed 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

2. Each Tribal Link-Up subscriber to Lifeline Assistance must certify in writing to the Company, under penalty of perjury, that he/she receives benefits under a program outlined in sub-paragraph B.1., above, and must, on the same document, agree to notify the Company if he/she ceases to participate in the program(s). The certification form shall conform to the requirements described herein, and shall be made available upon request to any subscriber. The Company shall retain all such subscriber certifications in order to furnish proof of subscriber eligibility as may be required from time to time by Universal Service administrators.

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### Tribal Link-Up (Continued)

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#### B. Regulations (Continued)

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- 4. Tribal Link-Up is available for a second or subsequent time only for a principal place of residence with an address different from the residence address at which the Tribal Link-Up assistance was provided previously. A Tribal Link-Up subscriber must be qualified for Lifeline services.
- C. Support
  - The Tribal Link-Up reduction is 100% of the customary connection charge, up 1. (T)(T)to \$100.00①. (T)(T)
  - 2. Tribal Link-Up support also provides a deferred schedule for payment of the (T) charges assessed for commencing service, for which the subscriber does not pay interest. The interest charge not assessed to the subscriber shall be for connection charges of up to \$200.00 that are deferred for a period not to exceed one year.
  - All aspects of Lifeline Assistance and Tribal Link-Up programs shall be subject (T) to the interpretation of applicable Federal regulations and any directives which may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Universal Service Administrative Company. These rules are separate and apart from any rules prescribed as part of a state Universal Service program.

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